

## Minutes from May 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### Present:

Rafael Nun-Marin (Vice-President)  
Ampy Kollman-Moore  
Luis Cordova  
Beatriz Chinn  
L. Maria Zywiciel  
Vincent Ortega  
J. Mauricio Vargas  
Ezekiel Amador III  
Ana Pizarro (Secretary)  
Jeanette Hernandez-Prenger  
Genaro Ruiz  
Pauline Rios  
Tomas Baca  
Cristobal Medina (President)

### Excused

Vivan Bautista

Rafael Nun-Marin opened up the meeting with an introduction of the guest speakers.

### Guest Speakers:

Marvin Eason and Nancy Heyer, Office of Equal Opportunity, which provides state funds for minority and women owned businesses. They also spoke about the MBE/WBE Certification Program. Announced plans for 4 community forums to be held to gather community input about the program. The 1<sup>st</sup> was held in Kansas City. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is planned for St. Louis on June 11<sup>th</sup>, site TBA. The 3<sup>rd</sup> will be held in Columbia date and location TBA. The 4<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Bootheel region, date and location also TBA.

### New Business:

- Minutes for last meeting read, approved and seconded
- Ezekiel presented the first draft of the by-laws, which was then discussed. A representative from the legal department was not able to be present, but they did send a message informing the Commission that the by-laws must be approved by the Governor's office.
- Rafael proposed a motion that the Commission members submit changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> draft, which is a working draft, within the next 45 days, so it can then be turned into for legal review. Luis seconded the motion. Motion approved by Commission. All changes to the by-laws must be submitted to Ezekiel.
- Bronwen announced that at this time there is no money available to the Commission for expenses.
- Presentation by Committee Chairs to list priority items for their committees.
- Education/ Committee Chair: Pauline Rios
  - Ezekiel provided an update on Mo-Instate Tuition Bill

- Committee asked for a list of participants from Hispanic Lobby Day.
- Health/ Committee Chair: J. Mauricio Vargas
  - Would like to focus on changes to MC+
  - Luis mentioned the need for access to services for Hispanics, specifically mental health and substance abuse services.
  - Ana mentioned the need to change licensing policy to make it easier for mental health professionals from other states or countries to provide services.
  - It was proposed that the licensing issue is something that can be jointly done by both the Education and Health committee.
- Economic Development/ Committee Chair: Ampy Kollman-Moore
  - Issues to be addresses are: certification; the need for qualified individuals to hire; certification of vendors
- It was agreed that a community forum be held by committee chairs to gather input from the community. Date, time and location TBA.
- Ampy brought up the question if an individual can serve on more than one committee. It was agreed that this would be left up to the individual members. It was also agreed that many issues are interrelated. If an individual was interested in working on more than one committee they needed to contact the chair for that committee.
- Rafael proposed the appointment of a public relations committee. Motion was seconded. Maria and Tomas were selected to head up the committee.

#### Old Business:

- The need to track and follow through with important legislative issues, Civil Rights, was brought up. Ezekiel volunteered to provide important legislative updates to all Commission members.
- Bronwen offered to post on Commission listserv.
- Meeting Adjourn

Next Meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm